

## Social and Personal

Beneath the full midsummer heat  
Are stores of golden, garnered wheat,  
Are billows of unripe oats, gray-green,  
Are armies of corn-blades, treacherous

The kinder dutes his mournful cries;  
The hawk in charmed circle flies,  
Berries ripen beneath the leaves,  
And warm and still are the musky eves.  
The moon shines bright in the cloud-  
less sky.  
The crickets sing and the soft winds  
sigh.

—Bara A. Shaffer, in Outlook.

## Life, Death and Love.

A woman lay with closed eyes and  
quiet, breath waiting to welcome an angel  
whose presence seemed to overshadow  
the white-curtained room. A man knelt  
beside the bed, the woman's hand pressed  
close in his against his cheeks, while  
his lips were laid in prayer.  
"What have you given her?" questioned  
Death of Life.

"I brought her my best gifts, an-  
swered Love, "youth, health, beauty, joy  
and love."

"What Love brought her good gifts?"  
again asked Death.

Said Love with wistful eyes:

"I brought her brave, bright hours, sun-  
shine and laughter, happiness and glory  
in living, and then a heavy cross, the  
sunshine she shed all about her, even  
in the fading of life's glory; the cross  
hidden deep in her soul cast out self  
and made a new radiance and beauty  
there."

"Let her come to me," said Death.  
"Life had much to give, but peace and  
rest are not for life to bestow. Love  
would give all, but must reckon with the  
human heart. I will crown and glorify  
and bless her."

Life fled from the quiet room with a  
sigh and one whispered, tender word;  
but Love lingered, brave even in the full  
presence of Death.

"What of him?" said Love, pointing  
to the kneeling figure.

"He made the cross?" Death asked.

"Yes," said Love, weeping.

"We must teach him," said Death.

"What he could not learn from life."—L.  
H. S., in The Outlook.

Miss Evelyn Holmes, who passed the  
civil service examination last winter in  
Fredericksburg, Va., with due credit to  
herself, has been appointed to fill a  
Clerk's vacancy in the Fredericksburg  
postoffice. Her appointment seems to be  
considered an eminently correct one, and  
she has already begun her duties.

## Scholarship Offered.

At the recent convention of the South-  
ern Music Teachers' Association at  
Gainesville, Ga., in June, Miss Van Dy-  
schuld, the head of the University  
of Music at Washington, offered a schol-  
arship to be competed for by Southern  
candidates, under the supervision of the  
association.

Miss Van Unschild has also given a  
scholarship for Texas.

A scholarship is offered for instruction in  
piano of the value of \$100 to \$150, accord-  
ing to the grade in which the student is  
placed, and is open to candidates from the  
several States represented at the con-  
vention, namely: Virginia, North Caro-  
lina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama,  
Mississippi and Tennessee.

The new president of the association is  
Mr. F. Nelson, of No. 27 Carson Ave-  
nue, East Knoxville, Tenn. The meet-  
ing was a great success, social, finan-  
cial and artistic.

## Big Ball at Carson.

Under the above head the Petersburg  
Index-appeal of yesterday says:

One of the grandest social events, which  
probably ever took place in Dinwiddie  
county, was the ball given last Monday  
night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.  
H. Decker, near Carson Station. Music  
was furnished by the Petersburg band  
and a most enjoyable time was spent  
by all.

At 12:30 o'clock the ladies served a  
luscious supper, of which every one fre-  
ely partook. Dancing was kept up until  
"the wee sma' hours," after which all  
went home feeling that one Fourth of  
July at least would long be remembered  
as "a happy day."

The choruses were Mrs. J. H. Decker,  
Mrs. B. Smith and Mrs. W. L. Lar-  
rier. Among the dancers were: Miss  
Florence West, of Prince George county,  
charmingly gowned in white Parisian  
style; Miss Alice Stewart, of Prince  
George county, in a white and blue  
ensemble; Miss Carrie Stewart, of Carson;  
Miss Carrie Stewart, of Carson; and  
Miss Alice Stewart, of Prince George  
county. The dancing was most enjoy-  
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## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours  
with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for  
refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot  
Norton.

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## SWEET MEETING OF DESIRES.

By PATMORE.

Coverly Kearny Dighton Patmore was born at Woodford, Essex, England, July  
23, 1823, and died at Lexington, Essex, November 28, 1896. His father was an author.  
The poet was assistant librarian at the British Museum.



GREW assured, before I asked,

That she'd be mine without reserve,

And in her unclaimed graces basked

At leisure till the time should serve—

With just enough of dread to thrill

The hope and make it trebly dear:

Thus loath to speak the word, to kill

Either the hope or happy fear.

Till once, through lanes returning late,

Her laughing sisters lagged behind;

And ere we reached her father's gate,

We paused with one presentiment mind:

And, in the dim and perfumed mist,

Their coming stayed, who, blithe and free,

And very women, loved to assist

A lover's opportunity.

Twice rose, twice died, my trembling words:

To faint and frail cathedral chimes

Spoke time in music, and we heard

The chafers rustling in the limes.

Her dress that touched me where I stood,

The warmth of her confided arm,

Her bosom's gentle neighborhood,

Her pleasure in her power to charm.

Her look, her love, her form, her touch!

The least seemed most by blissful turn—

Blissful but that it pleased too much

And taught the wayward soul to yearn.

It was as if a harp with wires

Was traversed my the breath I drew;

And O, sweet meeting of desires!

She, answering, owned that she loved too!

At present are Mrs. Algonson S. Sullivan and  
her son, Mr. George H. Sullivan, of New York  
city, who are spending several days here on  
the way to their summer home in Vir-  
ginia. Mrs. Sullivan is the leader of the  
southern set in New York and is particularly  
known in the most exclusive social circles in  
that city.

An automobile party traveling in a big  
French auto, and made up of Mr. and Mrs.  
William H. Miller and his wife, Mrs. J. M. Miller,  
of Baltimore, passed through the Valley of  
Virginia on their way to Cape Henry.

## THE HORSE SHOW.

Nearly All the Boxes Are Taken  
for the Exhibition in October.

Secretary W. O. Warthen, of the Rich-  
mond Horse Show Association, has  
booked holders for nearly all the boxes  
for the annual exhibition to be held this  
year—October 18th-22d, five nights and a  
matinee. Already nearly all the boxes  
have been sold, many being purchased  
by those who occupied them last year.

The work of preparation for the show  
has already actively begun. A large cor-  
respondence is being had by the manage-  
ment with the owners of horses, owners and  
exhibitors of this State and of the large  
cities of the country. The prize lists for  
the show will be ready in a few days, and  
the contest will be a most interesting one.  
In addition, Reserved seats for the show  
can be had already by application to  
Secretary Warthen.

Here is the list of box-holders given  
out by the secretary:

F. E. Nolting, Arthur M. Cannon,  
Frank G. Christian, John F. Lea, F. T.  
Glasgow, L. B. Stern, James E. Cannon,  
H. S. Hays, J. Stuart McDuffie, George  
Cole Scott, J. Duncan McDonald, W. J.  
Payne, E. A. Saunders, Jr., H. D. Flood,  
Dr. J. A. W. Brown, John E. Brown, John  
R. Branch, J. T. Anderson, Schuyler  
Hamilton, Thomas A. Rutherford, Lil-  
burn T. Myers, C. E. Doyle, Henry C.  
Stuart, Williamson Talley, Barton H.  
Grundy, Mrs. Charles M. Whitlock, Jo.  
Lano Stern, Mrs. W. C. Ramsey, J. B.  
Dietrich, Mrs. E. B. Smith, Samuel  
Cohen, Charles Davenport, Mrs. Charles  
Sant, E. G. Mayo, A. H. Christian, Jr.,  
Allen P. Brown, J. B. Brown, S. D.  
Gresham, E. D. Hotchkiss, Samuel T.  
Morgan, J. St. George Bryan, Thomas  
Atkinson, H. Mayo, C. D. Langhorne,  
T. A. Perkins, John E. Brown, J. B.  
Coke, W. F. La Bonta, E. O. Meyer, W.  
H. Parrish, J. Scott Parrish, Frank A.  
Davenport, J. B. Brown, J. B. Brown,  
J. D. Patton, John D. Potts, John  
Stewart Bryn, Joseph E. Willard, W.  
Morton, Colonel George F. Brown, O.  
Olway S. Allen, E. G. Reynolds, John S.  
Goldsmith, Mann S. Valentine, R. H.  
Lindsay, Captain Cunningham Hall, De-  
catur Hall, J. B. Brown, J. B. Brown,  
J. W. M. Hamilton, C. H. Sutton, H.  
M. Cannon, J. S. Gresham, Lawson  
Younger, Colonel John Murphy, Mer-  
weather Jones, Miss Ruby Boker, Mrs.  
Barton French, C. B. Antrim.

Manager McKee has determined to give  
the public another excellent vaudeville bill  
for the next week at the Casino. The bill is made  
up of clever specialties, and will embrace  
all that can be wished in the way of variety  
and amusement. The bill has been drawn  
immense crowds at the Ocean View Casino all  
this week. There will be the usual matinee  
and evening shows at the Casino.

Mrs. Walter Cone will spend a part of  
the summer in Staunton.

The engagement of Miss Nell Louise Har-  
rison, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
J. Harrison, of Somerset, Pa., to Mr. John  
Crosby Brydon, the son of Mr. and Mrs.  
W. A. Brydon, of Bloomington, Md., was  
just announced at a luncheon given  
Miss Harrison by Mrs. Louis Theodore Krebs,  
of Somerset.

Professor E. J. Hodgson, of Frederick  
county, Va., has been elected president of the  
Presbyterian College recently erected  
at Elkton, Va. The college has been com-  
pleted at great cost, and is one of the finest  
schools in this part of the country. The  
buildings and equipment are all modern, and  
Professor Hodgson will be at the head of an  
efficient corps of instructors.

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mond girl, left Wednesday with her sister,  
Miss M. Young, for the mountains. They  
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